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TO : The Secretary  
FROM : S/P - Winston Lord ✓

PRC Nuclear Test

Although EA is correct in flagging this issue for you, I disagree with their recommendation that we complain to the Chinese again on this issue. Our position is clear, and was made known to the Chinese in October. To reiterate it again, though useful symbolically with the press perhaps, would underline our impotence and get the standard response from the Chinese.

If we do make another representation, I don't believe that we should call in the Chinese especially for this purpose but rather include it with other business at the earliest appropriate time.

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